

ADJOURNED SESSION
OF THE
EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE CHAMBER. }
18th March, 1861, 3 o'clock, P. M. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and having been called to order by Hon. Jess- Grimes, President *pro tem*, a prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. W. Thomas.

The roll of the Senate being called and no quorum appearing, on motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Throckmorton presented the credentials of B. F. Neal, Senator elect from the 19th Judicial District

Mr. Blanch introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, since the adjournment of the Legislature, the people of Texas have, by the adoption of the Ordinance of Secession, severed their connection with the United States of America, and a connection has been formed with other States, for mutual defence and protection, styled the Confederate States of America, under a provisional Government, formed by them, and it is proper that the members of this body, shall be bound by oath or affirmation, to the support of the same.

Therefore be it resolved, That in addition to, the oath prescribed by the Constitution, except so much as is of necessity abrogated by the adoption of the Ordinance, of secession, each

member of this body shall take the following oath or affirmation, to be administered by the President:

I, ———, do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as ———, according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and also to the Constitution and laws of the Confederate States of America, so long as the State of Texas shall remain a member of that Confederacy; and I do further solemnly swear or affirm, that since the second day of March, A. D. 1861, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this State, or out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge or aided, advised, or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God. Adopted.

The members and officers of the Senate, then came forward and took the oath prescribed.

Mr. Chambers presented the memorial of Allen Urguhart and Albert Johnson, with reference to the certificates of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos and Colorado Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Miller presented the memorials of Wm. McHenry and others, praying a donation of a site for Divine Worship. Referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Miller presented the memorial of Sam'l J. W. Long and others, praying relief against forced sales. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Miller presented the memorials of W. R. Matchlock and others, praying for arms and equipments. Referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Walker presented the petition of J. B. Wosiac, in reference to the suspension of the laws for the collection of debts. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Fall presented the petition of sundry citizens of Tarrant county, in reference to a change of venue. Referred to special committee consisting of Messrs. Fall, Guinn, Throckmorton, Potter and Quinan.

A bill to amend the law regulating the assessment and collection of taxes being the special order of the day, was, on motion of Mr. Potter, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on State Affairs, on a bill for the sale of \$150,000 indemnity bonds, on motion of Mr. Potter laid on the table.

A bill to fix compensation of members and officers of the

Convention which convened at Austin, January 23, 1861. Laid on the table.

Joint resolution providing for the sale of United States indemnity bonds belonging to the School Fund, and the reinvestment of the same, with the report of the committee thereon. Laid on the table.

A bill to postpone forced sales with the report of the committee thereon. Laid on the table.

A bill to organize three regiments of volunteers. Laid on the table.

Mr. Fall introduced a bill for the relief of Martin Jones. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Walker introduced a bill for the relief of Ware Beuge. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Blanch introduced a bill to amend an act authorizing and requiring the County Courts to regulate roads, appoint overseers, &c., approved Feb. 8, 1858. Read first and second times and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to amend the second and third sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Southern Cotton Press and Manufacturing Company, approved February 11, 1860. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill reserving certain lands therein named from sale, location or patent. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Scarborough, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Stockdale, Chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill changing the time of holding the District Courts in the 9th Judicial District, correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, Mr. Neal was added to the various committees on which Senator Britton had been placed.

A committee from the House, announced that the House had organized, and were ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. Dulaney, a committee of three was appointed to inform the House of the organization of the Senate.

Messrs. Dulaney, Blanch and Herbert, were named as said committee.

On motion of Mr. Miller, a committee of three were appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee of the House of Representatives, to wait upon the Governor, and to know if he had any communication to make.

Whereupon Messrs. Miller, Fall and Lott, were named as the committee, who performed that duty.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M. tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, March 20th, 1861

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Guinn presented the petition of Milton T. Tucker. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Walker presented the petition of Simon Jones, with reference to the estray law. Referred to the committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

Mr. Miller presented the memorial of citizens of the town of Crockett. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Chambers presented the petition of sundry persons of Titus county, in reference to the jury fund of said county. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Parsons introduced a bill to authorize James W. Flanagan and his associates to construct a bridge across the Sabine River. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Roads Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Chambers introduced a bill to provide for running the county lines between the counties of Marion Cass and Titus. Read first time; rule suspended; read second time and ordered to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. Chambers, rule further suspended; bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to incorporate the Galveston Seminary. Read first and second times and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to incorporate the Galveston Turner's Association. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Neal introduced a bill concerning forced sales. Read first and second times and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Walker introduced a bill supplementary to and amendatory of an act to incorporate the Dallas Bridge Company. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill supplemental to an act supplemental to an act regulating estrays, approved February, 1861.